

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 664

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to vulnerable adults; establishing
8 cause of action for certain abuse, neglect or
9 exploitation; authorizing action to be brought by
10 certain persons; authorizing award of actual and
11 punitive damages in certain action; authorizing award
of court cost and attorney fees; providing for
cumulative remedies; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10-111.2 of Title 43A, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A vulnerable adult as defined pursuant to Section 10-103 of
18 Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes shall have a cause of action
19 against any perpetrator of abuse, neglect or exploitation and may
20 recover actual and punitive damages. The action may be brought in
21 any court of competent jurisdiction by the vulnerable adult or the
22 adult's guardian, by a person or organization acting on behalf of
23 the vulnerable adult with the consent of the adult or the adult's
24 guardian or by the personal representative of the estate of a

1 deceased victim without regard to whether the cause of death
2 resulted from the abuse, neglect or exploitation. The court may
3 award court costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party in the
4 action. The remedies provided in this section shall be in addition
5 to and cumulative with other legal and administrative remedies
6 available to a vulnerable adult.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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